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Ronald C. Jost is the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (DASD) for C3, Cyber, and Business Systems in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense Acquisition, Technology and Logistics (USD AT&L). In this role, Dr. Jost leads the C3 and Cyber OIPT activities and associated technical support and advises the USD AT&L on C3, Cyber and Non-Intel space matters. Before joining AT&L DASD position, Dr. Jost was the DASD for C3, Spectrum and Space in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Networks and Information Integration. Prior to assuming this position in 2003, Dr. Jost was the Principal Deputy for the DASD, and the Director for Wireless.

Before his appointment to the Senior Executive Service with the Department of Defense, Dr. Jost was a Corporate Vice President for Motorola. After 26 years with Motorola, he retired in 2002. His Motorola tenure began in 1965 as an intern communications systems engineer with his last assignment as both the Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA) Group General Manager and as Chief Architect for Motorola infrastructures. While at Motorola, he managed various divisions engaged in CDMA multibillion-dollar infrastructure systems development and business areas. Also, during this time period, he provided technical guidance and detailed program execution direction across multiple critical development efforts as the company's Chief Architect for all infrastructure activities. In addition to this dual role assignment, he was responsible for the advanced technology, systems engineering center of excellence, the high available computing environment, and the company's program management center of excellence.

Dr. Jost also served as the Vice-President, Chief Architect and Engineer for the Motorola Space and Systems Technology Group, and the Chief Engineer and Systems Manager for the IRIDIUM Program. Dr. Jost led the development of the IRIDIUM satellite system.

Prior to joining Motorola, Dr. Jost worked for E-Systems (Garland Division) as the Managing Director for Advanced Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence Systems on classified tactical and strategic intelligence collection and processing systems, communications, networking, C2 and SIGINT data processing, and war simulations systems.

Before joining E-Systems, Dr. Jost was a section manager for Motorola Government Electronics in Scottsdale Arizona. In this position, he was responsible for developing classified tactical communications systems, processing systems and satellite payloads.

Dr. Jost graduated from Bradley University with a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering. He later earned a M.S. and a Ph.D in Electrical Engineering from Arizona State University. He has been multiple awarded patents and engineering awards including the Motorola Distinguished Engineering Award.